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The strikes are all over, at least for the moment. The financial and moral losses are great and the future of this country politically remains obscure. If only they would change the constitution and confer real power on the executive.

Mary Lasker and Mrs. Mahoney came to lunch with us. Mrs. Mahoney is the divorced wife of the publisher of some of Governor Cox's newspapers (Ohio, Atlanta and Florida). She herself is still active in the newspaper field. She says that Cox is now in his eighties. Since his defeat as the Democratic nominee for the Presidency in 1920, he has never aspired to any political office - an unusual attitude!

Dan Joseph of Baltimore called on me. He wants me to move my residence to Maryland and later run for the United States Senate against one of the present Republican incumbents. I am favorably disposed to moving my residence, but for purposes of convenience and not of politics.

Bill Donovan recently flew down to Como to see Mesdames Lasker and Mahoney. He was on his way to his post as Ambassador in Thailand. I missed him, to my great regret, in Paris where he spent two days while I was vacationing.

Very cool tonight at Versailles.

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